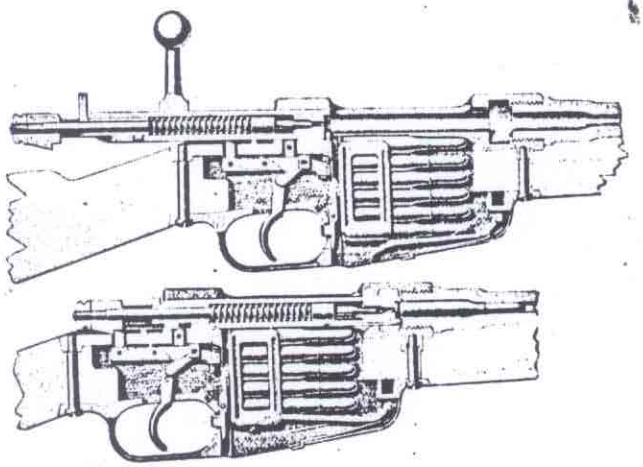
The Mannlicher System

While this system resembles that of a Mauser, it has some differences. The bolt lever is set farther forward than is customary with the Mauser system.

The principal difference, however, is in the magazine construction. There is no bottom plate covering the magazine opening as in the Mauser type. In place of the standard magazine, there is a spring-supported arm on the underside of the receiver. When the clip is loaded in from the top with its six cartridges, it compresses this spring arm so that the arm can force cartridges up into line as the bolt is worked. This arm presses against the cartridge case and not against the clip. As a result when the last cartridge has been chambered, the empty clip falls clear through the bottom opening.

Stripping. Turn down the retaining catch on the right side of the receiver, pull the trigger, and the bolt may be drawn back out of the weapon.



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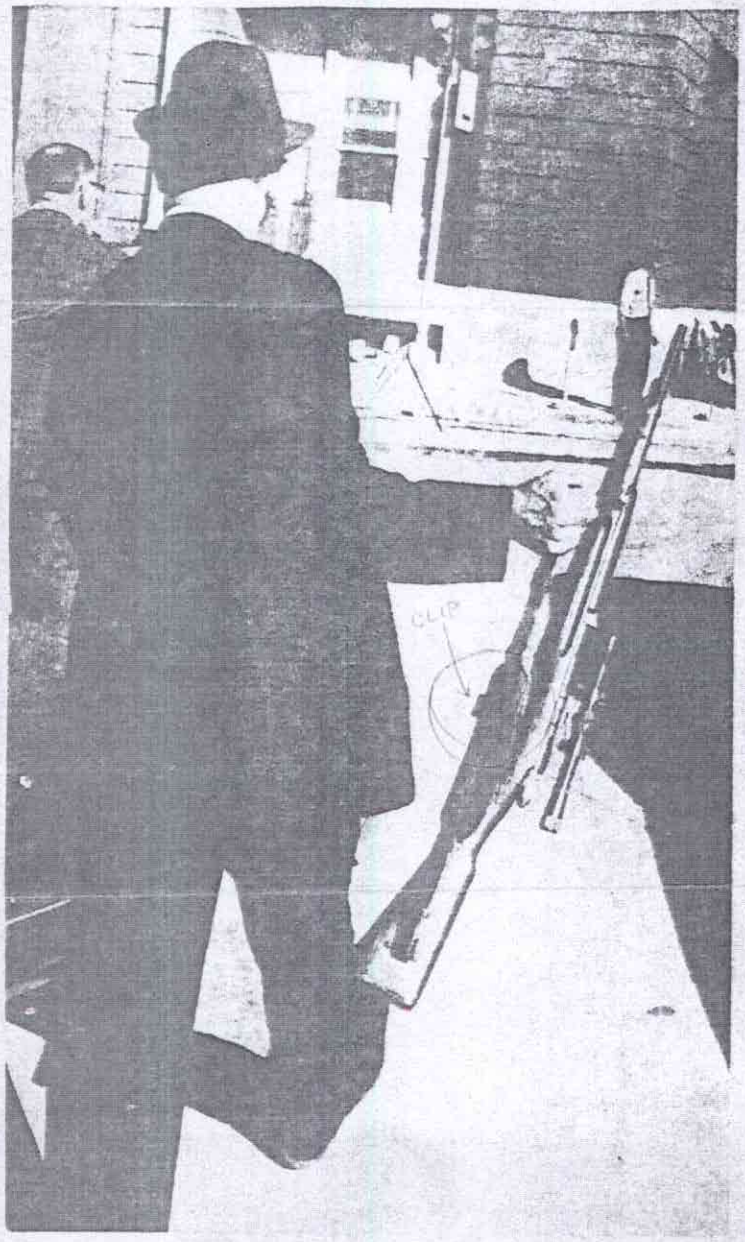
Harold –

Here is a description of the action of the clip after the last ~~round~~ round is cast into the chamber. You asked for this when I saw you.

Bernard

P.S. See also the enclosed picture of Lt. Day carrying the rifle.



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